

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

APRIL 1 - 7, 2002

"BRING HONOR TO VICTIMS"

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BY BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

- ❖ The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend Commissioners Court meeting during which National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be proclaimed. The proclamation will be held in the Bexar County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom at 9:00 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

KICK-OFF PRESS CONFERENCE

- ❖ Beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the south end of the Bexar County Justice Center District Attorney Susan D. Reed, San Antonio Police Chief, Sheriff Ralph Lopez, and County Judge Nelson Wolff are joined by Mr. Mark Carmona of the Alamo Children's Advocacy Center and other members of the National Crime Victims Rights Week Coalition to announce the commencement of the week's events.

VICTIM CALL-IN HOTLINE

- ❖ Victims may call **351-1363** KSAT-TV from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. for information concerning the criminal justice system and referrals for victim services.

"INTERNET SAFETY FOR CHILDREN" BROWN BAG LUNCH WORKSHOP

- ❖ Nancy Fischer with the Federal Bureau of Investigation will host a one-hour workshop on how to keep your child safe on the Internet. For information on time and location of workshops, please contact Kate Martin, S.A. Metropolitan Health District, 207-2028.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

ALAMO CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

- ❖ The Alamo Children's Advocacy Center will host an Open House from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Center located at 7130 W US Hwy 90. This event will include a tour of the Center, healing arts display, as well other special presentations to honor the children of our community who have become victims of crime.

DWI EVENT

- ❖ Beginning at 12:00 p.m. an officer from TABC will be on the Memorial High School campus showing students the effects of alcohol by using Fatal Vision goggles and the FSTS exercises. A representative of MADD will be available to emphasize the after affects of DWI on family members and surviving victims. This event will preview the "Shattered Dreams" program scheduled for April 24th & 25th at Memorial H.S.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ORIENTATION

- ❖ Bexar County Legal Aid, The Battered Women's Shelter, San Antonio City Attorney's Office, and SAPD Victim Advocacy will sponsor a court orientation clinic for victims of domestic violence. The workshop will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the UTSA Downtown Campus, Buena Vista Building, Meeting/Assembly Room (BV 1.338).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD

TREE DEDICATION

- ❖ The Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department will host a tree-planting/dedication ceremony in memory of victims of crime. The trees and a rose garden will be planted by youth ordered to perform community service restitution by the Juvenile Courts. Ceremony will take place April 3, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank M. Tejada Juvenile Justice Center located on 235 E. Mitchell.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

UNVEILING OF THE RAPE CRISIS CENTER'S "SURVIVOR TREE"

- ❖ North Star Mall will be the location for the ceremony honoring survivors of sexual assault. At 10:00 a.m. in the Fountain/Food Court area of the mall, The Rape Crisis Center will unveil a special tree dedicated to these brave individuals.

PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

- ❖ The public, crime victims and victim service organizations are invited to attend City Council meeting during which National Crime Victims' Rights Week will be proclaimed. The Proclamation will be held in City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

VICTIM AWARENESS MARCH

- ❖ Following the Proclamation by the City of San Antonio, the group will march from City Hall to the Victims' Memorial located in front of the Bexar County Justice Center, 300 Dolorosa.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY & LIGHTING OF VICTIMS' FLAME

- ❖ At approximately 1:30 p.m. various city and county organizations who provide services to victims of crime will lay memorial wreaths at the Victims' Memorial located in front of the Bexar County Justice Center, 300 Dolorosa. A candle will be lit followed by a moment of silence to honor all victims of crime in Bexar County.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

AWARENESS PICNIC

- ❖ Picnic honoring victims of crime, particularly children who are victims of crime will be held at Milam Park, W. Commerce @ N. Santa Rosa, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join the festivities which will include balloons, clowns, face painting, the Spurs Coyote, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, Darren the DARE Lion, SAPD Resistor and others. Lunch will be served.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH

SIMULTANEOUS BELL RINGING

- ❖ Churches throughout Bexar County will honor victims of crime by ringing their bells at 12:00 noon.